

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2000

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, for the purpose of receiving in this Chamber former Members of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, for the Speaker to declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of receiving in this Chamber former Members of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday Rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests.

INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the story of Rayma and Rasheed El-Saleh, two children who

were abducted from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Saudi Arabia in 1992 by their non-custodial father.

After an investigation led by the mother, Mary El-Saleh, the father's brother, was contacted in Lebanon and eventually the abductor called Mary and the children were able to speak to her. Rayma and Rasheed expressed how much they missed their mother and sounded depressed.

The children's father, Saleh Chenade El-Saleh, who was formerly trained as a Palestinian terrorist, is very controlling and may be abusive toward the children. He has tried to force Rasheed to testify against his mother and Rayma is apparently showing a great deal of mental stress and is threatening suicide.

Mr. Speaker, Rayma and Rasheed have been wrongfully taken from their mother and placed in a possibly dangerous situation. This House must do something to bring them and the other 10,000 American children who have been abducted to foreign countries back home.

EQUAL PAY DAY

(Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize today, May 11, as Equal Pay Day. Gender equity is an ongoing struggle that seeps into many facets of all of our lives. We have made a lot of progress and I hope that we will eventually see the end of Equal Pay Day, because the goal will have been achieved. Until then, we know that women do not receive a 27 percent discount on milk when they buy groceries, and they do not pay 27 percent less than men for rent or day care.

The gap between women's and men's wages has narrowed since 1963, but women still bring home only about 73 cents for every man's dollar. And equally disheartening is that the gender-based pay gap with African-American women earning 63 cents and Latino women earning 53 cents on each dollar a man earns.

Achieving equality takes not only awareness of a problem, but a coalition of those dedicated to solving the problem of eliminating the wage gap. The National Committee on Pay Equity, Business and Professional Women, the labor unions and the EEOC, have all helped lead the fight for pay equity. I thank them for representing so many women in the struggles, challenges and victories that they have faced, and I urge this body to do all on our behalf to make sure that we have the legislation in order so that every day is Equal Pay Day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARV SATHER, "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

(Mr. NETHERCUTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted today to make a comment in support of a gentleman by the name of Marv Sather who is from my district, the Fifth District of Washington, who has been given the great award of Teacher of the Year for the State of Washington.

He is a high school teacher at Riverside High School and he teaches English. I had a chance to talk with him today about the future of education and about his commitment to children. The thing that impressed me most about Marv is that he has a passion for education, but he also acknowledges freely that the way he has impressed his students and become, obviously, the Teacher of the Year for our State, is to address them respectfully and deal with them on a person-to-person basis and give them the confidence that he cares deeply about their education.

Mr. Speaker, Marv Sather is a great tribute to education. He is an innovator. He is one example of the many millions of teachers who serve this country and serve our youth so well. So I say wholeheartedly, a sincere congratulations to Marv Sather for his great work in representing education nationally and representing education so well out of eastern Washington. We are proud of you.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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END THE EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS BEFORE CONSIDERING PERMANENT MFN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, let me just start by commending the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) for all their leadership and work on the pay equity issue. It is a very important issue, not only for women, but for families in this country, and I applaud their leadership.

Having said that, I want to tell my colleagues about another person who